

REMARKS

This application is a divisional application of parent case U.S. Ser. No. 09/502,426, filed February 11, 2000, which claims the benefit of U.S. provisional applications U.S. Ser. Nos. 60/119,657, filed February 11, 1999, and 60/119,658, filed February 11, 1999.

Pursuant to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 18, 2001 in the parent case, Applicants have elected herein to pursue the claims directed to Group II. Accordingly, Applicants have cancelled claims 1-16, 18-35 and 38-57 and amended claims 17, 36 and 37. Amendments to claims 17, 36, and 37 incorporate the limitations of the claims from which they had depended and convert the claims to independent format. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 17, 36, and 37 are pending. Applicants respectfully request that the pending claims be examined.

Drawings

Due to prior objections in the parent case, Applicants have included herewith corrected informal drawings for Figures 1, 3, 9, 10 and 12, for the convenience of the Examiner. Applicants note that the Examiner accepted the informal, substitute drawings for Figures 1, 3, 9, 10A-10G, and 12 submitted on March 7, 2003 in the parent case. The Examiner also requested a re-submission of Figure 8 in the parent case. Applicants have therefore herein provided a formal substitute drawing for Figure 8. No new matter has been added.

Amendments to the Specification

Applicants have inserted the priority information for this divisional application on the front page after the title. Applicants have also amended the specification to insert sequence identifiers, to correct typographical errors, and to remove web page addresses. Applicants have also concurrently requested a transfer of the substitute amended Sequence Listing from the parent case to this case. The transferred Sequence Listing contains the amino acid sequences depicted at pages 54-55 of the specification, now SEQ ID NOs:26-30. Applicants submit that

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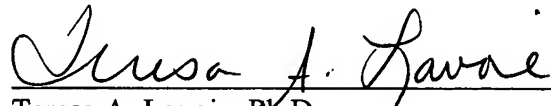
the amendments and enclosures herein fulfill the requirements under 37 C.F.R. §1.821-1.825.

No new matter has been added.

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Respectfully submitted,

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